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TAGS: PHUM, PREL, VE, CO  
SUBJECT: GOC VIEWS ON CARMONA ASYLUM

CLASSIFIED BY: AMBASSADOR ANNE W. PATTERSON; REASONS 1.5  
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1. (U) ON MAY 23, COLOMBIAN TELEVISION AND NEWS MEDIA REPORTED THAT VENEZUELAN BUSINESSMAN PEDRO CARMONA ESTANGA HAD SOUGHT POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE RESIDENCE OF COLOMBIA'S AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA. REPORTS FURTHER STATED THAT CARMONA HAD MADE THE DECISION TO PRESENT THE ASYLUM REQUEST AND APPEARED AT AMBASSADOR GERMAN BULA'S RESIDENCE FOLLOWING A DECISION BY VENEZUELA'S COURT OF APPEALS TO REVOKE CARMONA'S PERMISSION TO REMAIN AT HOME AND ORDER HIS JAILING.

2. (C) ALSO ON THE EVENING OF MAY 23, COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GUILLERMO FERNANDEZ DE SOTO ISSUED A PRESS STATEMENT CONFIRMING THAT CARMONA HAD, IN FACT, PRESENTED AN ASYLUM PETITION TO THE COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR IN CARACAS. FERNANDEZ DE SOTO ALSO AFFIRMED THAT CARMONA HAS BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO REMAIN AT BULA'S RESIDENCE "UNTIL PRESIDENT

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PASTRANA'S ADMINISTRATION DECIDES ON THE ASYLUM APPLICATION."  
FERNANDEZ DE SOTO ADDED THAT THE ASYLUM PETITION IS BEING  
EVALUATED ON THE BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL NORMS ON ASYLUM AND  
THAT THE GOC WOULD ADVISE THE GOV ON ITS DECISION "ONCE A  
DECISION HAD BEEN MADE."

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SEEKING TO ASSUAGE THE CHAVEZ GOVERNMENT ON  
THE ISSUE, PRESIDENT PASTRANA STATED DURING A MAY 24 PRESS  
CONFERENCE THAT "THE CARMONA CASE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO  
AFFECT COLOMBIA'S RELATIONS WITH VENEZUELA."  
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